

Council On Aging Board Meeting
October 18, 2006

In Attendance Were:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Secretary John Concordia, Tim Swiss, Marty Green and Director Sharon Yager was also present. Board members Helen McLaughlin and Lillian Goodman were excused.

1. Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:08. The minutes of the September 13, 2006 were reviewed and it was suggested that the number of slots, 20, in the Tax Work Off program be included. The minutes were approved. There will be a Labor Employment Seminar at the College of the Holy Cross Hogan Center on 11/30/06. It is open to board members. The board wished Lillian a speedy recovery.

2. Director's Comments:

Sharon reported that preparations for My Senior Center software are nearly completed. There has been an increase in telephone calls at reception. All calls are logged in and a report on these calls will soon be completed. There is a forum on disabilities being held at the town hall tonight with an extensive panel of speakers. The Meals on Wheels program has over 100 meals delivered daily. Advertising for the vacant position of a driver for one of the routes has closed. There are 13 applicants.

3. Liaison Reports:

Friends of the SCC, Inc

Attendance for the programs is increasing.

Elder Services, Worc./Outreach

Copies of Walter's statistic reports were handed out to board members. He has been working with recertification of applicants for Fuel Assistance. New applications will be accepted the beginning of November. Sign up for prescription advantage is open until November 15, 2006.

Silver Haired Legislature, Shrewsbury Community Partnership for Children

September minutes were received from Boston from the SHL. Bonnie O'Brien volunteered to be liaison for Shrewsbury Community Partnership For Children and spoke to Pina Altomari at the Partnership. It is not certain at this time as to whether the organization will be receiving future funding. She will keep us informed.

4. Old Business:

Wellness Exp There were approximately 100 attendees. There was positive feedback from the 35 evaluations that were returned

Tax Work Off Program Program for this calendar year will end on November first. There will be another meeting for the participants to aid them to receive their refund from ING.

MCOA Conference The conference was excellent. It was noted that there will be fewer choices for Medicare Part D for prescriptions this coming year.

5. **New Business:**

Workshop Revisions of Staffing: The board decided to go over original job description after meeting is adjourned. and make any minor revisions necessary.

Elder Services Meeting Marty and Paul attended and reported how many services are available through the region and state. Funding is a problem due to the issues that occurred with the Age Center. Services are have been unaffected during litigation. It was suggested we look into programs in the community for seniors who are looking after their grandchildren.

CEMACA Sharon attended the Annual Meeting and reported that they could not elect officers as they did not have a quorum. They voted to have a one year hiatus. Present officers will stay on. Sharon and George Heeley, the Paxton COA Director, are the current co-chairs of the organization.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Concordia
Secretary

Barbara J. Bickford
Recorder